## **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-33**

AN ORDINANCE, amending WCC 9.02.010(4) by adding a utility discount for active military reserve service members that meet the low income eligibility criteria.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Wenatchee finds that it would be in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the public to provide a discount to its utility billing rates for active military reserve service members that meet the low income guidelines established in RCW 84.36.381(5).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WENATCHEE DO ORDAIN as follows:

#### **SECTION I**

Wenatchee City Code Section 9.02.010(4) shall be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

"Customers applying for and meeting senior, active military reserve service member, or disability requirements, and meeting the low income guidelines as established in RCW 84.36.381(5)(a) for two income households, and RCW 84.36.381(5)(b)(ii) for single income households will be billed at low income rates.

- (a) A senior is defined as a person 62 years of age or older;
- (b) A disabled person is defined as a person receiving one of the following:
  - i. Social security disability income (SSDI);
  - ii. Supplemental security income (SSI);
  - iii. Permanent total disability compensation from the State of Washington Department of Labor and Industries;

- iv. A letter from a physician stating the person is legally blind; or
- v. Payments for Veterans discharged with a disability.
- (c) Active military reserve service member is defined as a person who is a member of the national guard or armed forces reserves of the United States called to and remaining on extended (one continuous month or more) active duty status; and
- (d) Proof of age, active military reserve status, or disability and the household income must be provided within the initial application. The person eligible for the discounts must be the responsible party or spouse/partner of the responsible party. Household income will be verified at least annually."

### **SECTION II**

Except as expressly set forth herein, WCC 9.02.010 shall remain in full force and effect.

### **SECTION II**

If any section, subsection, clause or sentence of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

### **SECTION VIII**

This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage thirty (30) days after publication as provided by law.

# PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY WENATCHEE,

at a regular meeting thereof, this 22nd day of October, 2009.

CITY OF WENATCHEE

DENNIS JOHNSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: BRENDA GUSKE, Interim City Clerk

APPROVED:

STEVE D. SMITH, City Attorney